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Senate Resolution No. 4422

BY: Senator COMRIE

HONORING Most Worshipful Grand Master Larry Mitchell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, Inc. on April 7, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Most Worshipful Grand Master Larry Mitchell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, Inc., to be celebrated with a Testimonial Luncheon on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at the Westchester Marriott Tarrytown Hotel; and

WHEREAS, Larry Mitchell was born on September 29, 1947, in the small town of Dinwiddie, Virginia; he migrated to the Bronx at the age of five before he and his family settled in Harlem where he began working odd jobs to help his mother make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from Central Commercial High School in 1965, Larry Mitchell attended the Borough of Manhattan Community College, CUNY and majored in accounting with a secondary in business administration; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, Larry Mitchell joined the United States Air Force, where he served four years before his honorable discharge as a First Class Staff Sergeant in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Larry Mitchell began his professional career as a teller at Chase Manhattan Bank, remaining with JPMorgan Chase for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, During his illustrious tenure, Larry Mitchell continuously climbed the ranks, retiring in the esteemed position of Administrative Vice President in the systems analysis and quality assurance department; and

WHEREAS, Larry Mitchell enjoyed retirement from Chase for only one year, before he was offered a job with DealerTrack, Inc., a newly formed company in software development; he remained with the company for 11 years, retiring as the Senior Lead Software Development, Quality Assurance Officer; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, Larry Mitchell led a statewide voter education/registration drive, during which time he registered more than 500 new voters; and

WHEREAS, A true asset to his community, Larry Mitchell serves as secretary of Prince Hall Community Development Corporation, Vice

President of Prince Hall Foundation, and as acting President of the Prince Hall Temple Association which manages 927 acres of land in

Roscoe, New York; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Larry Mitchell is currently serving as Grand Master of the Most Worship Prince Hall Grand Lodge, the Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Joe Ellen, and his son, Karon Jamal, as well as one granddaughter, Kiara Joselyn, all of whom have shown him love and support and rejoice in his many achievements; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Larry Mitchell has displayed throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, It has always been the objective of this Legislative Body to honor and support those individuals who have displayed their commitment to the betterment of their communities, and it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records, this tribute to Larry Mitchell, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he is held by his peers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Most Worshipful Grand Master Larry Mitchell upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by Eureka Grand Chapter, Prince Hall Order Eastern Star, Inc. on April 7, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Most Worshipful Grand Master Larry Mitchell.